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SUBJ: CBS TELEVISION CREW FILMS FOOTAGE IN HUNGARY ON 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF 1956 REVOLUTION

1. A TWO-MAN CBS NEWS CREW CAME TO BUDAPEST OCTOBER 19
TO FILM FOOTAGE FOR ITEMS ON EVENING CBS NEWS ON 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF 1956 REVOLUTION.

2. AFTER ORIGINL CREW FAILED TO RECEIVE JOURNALIST
VISA FROM HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN FRG, TWO ALTERNATES
WERE SENT IN WITH TOURIST VISAS OBTAINED AT HUNGARIAN
TRAVEL OFFICE IN VIENNA.

3. USING SMALL HAND-HELD CAMERA, CREW SHOT SEVERAL
MINUTES WORTH OF STREET SCENES, TO SERVE AS BACKGROUND
FOR THE COMMENTARY WHICH WILL BE TAPED ELSEWHERE.
HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT SEEM TO DISCOVER
ACTIVITIES OF CBS CREW WHICH DEPARTED HUNGARY
OCTOBER 20.

4. CBS ROME CORRESPONDENT BERT QUINT SOUGHT
OUT EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE AND HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION
WITH HIM ABOUT HUNGARY IN 1976 AND A RETROSPECTIVE
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OF 1956 EVENTS. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

FROM THESE CONVERSATIONS WHAT TENOR OF NEWSCAST COMMENTARY LIKELY TO BE. QUINT DID NOT KNOW WHEN ITEM WOULD BE SHOWN, BUT WE ASSUME THAT OCTOBER 23 IS LIKELIEST DATE.

5. FOR USIA; EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OR TRANSCRIPT OF NEWSCAST COMMENTARY AFTER PROGRAM IS SHOWN VIA USINFO AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER TRANSCRIPT OF NEWSCAST ITEMS THIS SUBJECT, IF ANY, WHICH MAY BE SHOWN DURING FOLLOWING SEVERAL DAYS ON OTHER NETWORKS.
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